

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 22-34 are pending in the current application. Though claims 6 and 34 have been previously withdrawn, these claims have been amended to conform to the elected species and depend from claims 1 and 27, which Examiner Patel has indicated are allowable. In addition to claims 6 and 34, claims 22 and 26 have been amended to change their dependency and claim 23 has been put into independent form by including the limitations of claim 21. Claims 7-21 and 35-39 have been canceled without prejudice. Applicants intend to pursue one or more of these claims, including claims 6 and 34 in their original form, in one or more divisional/continuation applications.

Based on the discussion with Examiner Patel on July 30, 2003, claims 1-6 and 22-34 should now be allowed.

Drawings

The Examiner expressed a desire that the drawings be amended to more uniformly refer to conductive and non-conductive materials. For the examples given in Figs. 3-10, proposed drawing changes have been presented in a separate document. Particularly, the cross-hatching for materials that are generally conductive is now uniform, as is the cross-hatching for materials that are of a lower conductivity or non-conductivity.


CONCLUSION

The Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4255 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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